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September 7, 1999

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Please call or write me at the above address if you would like to respond.

Sincerely,

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